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AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 27, 2006, the time for response to which has been extended by the enclosed Petition to January 27, 2007 (Saturday), please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

Amendments to the Claim are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.

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Examiner: Cheryl L. Miller

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